mining activities in the Union Territory of Delhi have been entrusted to Delhi State Mineral Development Corporation which is owned by Government. As the accident site falls within the Delhi Military Cantonment Area, Delhi Administration has taken up the matter with the concerned Military authorities.

Setting up of Export Promotion Zones for Gold Ornaments and Jewellery

1734. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have allowed the setting up of export promotion zones for gold ornaments and jewellery etc. after the repeal of the Gold Control Act recently;

(b) if so, how many such zones have been set up so far in the country, Statewise and what has been their export performance so far; and

(c) whether Government propose to open more such zones in other parts of the country, especially in Jaipur; if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Expert of Minerals

1735. SHRI RAMDAS AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the export figures of minor and major minerals during the period 1988-89 upto 31-3-1990 alongwith the names of the countries to which the minerals were exported; and

(b) what are the details of imports of minerals during the above mentioned period along with the names of the countries from which minerals were imported?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN): (a) Figures of exports of minor and major minerals during the year 1988-89 and latest availabe figures for the year 1989-90 (April-December, 1989) are estimated at Rs. 1027.13 crores and Rs. 900.88 crores respectively. Minerals are mainly exported to Australia, Bangladesh, China, GDR, Hungary, Italy, Japan, North Korea, Romania, South Korea, Turkey and USA.

(b) Figures of imports of minerals during the year 1988-89 and latest available figures for the year 1989-90 (April-Dec '89) are estimated at Rs. 1082.69 crores and Rs. 976,29 crores respectively. These are mainly imported from Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, France, FRG, Japan, Netherlands, Poland, Singapore, UAE, UK, USA and USSR.

Mining Lease Granted by Government

1736. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) how many mining leases have been granted by Government during 1989 so far, State-wise;

(b) how many applications are still pending with Government for want of clearance from environmental angle upto 31.3.90; and

(c) whether all the applications in this regard are likely to be cleared during the current year and if not, what are the reasons for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WTTH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.